STAND. COM. REP. NO. 59

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 913

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Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

#### Madam:

Your Committees on Human Services and Housing and Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 913 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Public Safety to collect data on the number of incoming offenders into the state correctional system who are parents and the number of children they have that are under the age of eighteen.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Blueprint for Change, Adult Friends for Youth, Aha Moku Advisory Committee, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Community Alliance on Prisons, Family Programs Hawaii, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Kalihi Palama Hawaiian Civic Club, King Kamehameha Hawaiian Civic Club, Interfaith Alliance Hawaii, Alii Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club, Keiki O Ka Aina, and thirteen individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Public Safety and Department of Education.

Your Committees find that there is a gap in services for children in Hawaii who have an incarcerated parent. it is estimated that 2,700,000 children have at least one parent that is incarcerated. Studies show that children with

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incarcerated parents suffer from emotional distress, developmental challenges, poor academic performance, aggressive behavior, and truancy. Even more troublesome is the evidence that children with incarcerated parents are much more likely to continue the cycle of incarceration and enter the criminal justice system themselves. Your Committees further find that funding is needed to provide services for children with incarcerated parents, but that first the State needs the data to justify the extent of the problem in Hawaii so that service providers can access federal funding.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language to expand the scope of information that the Department of Public Safety shall collect from incarcerated parents in order to facilitate services for incarcerated parents and their children; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Housing and Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 913, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 913, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Human Services and Housing and Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

WILL ESPERO, Chair

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